# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
# LOK SABHA

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SELECTION OF HAJ PILGRIMS
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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether a list of Hajis from various States has been prepared to send them for Haj to Saudi Arabia during this year;

(b) if so, the details thereof State-wise;

(c) the number of persons who applied for going on Haj and the number of applicants selected and rejected among them with the reasons for their rejection, State-wise;

(d) the criteria followed for selecting Hajis; and

(e) the number of Hajis selected and sent during 1998 and 1999 separately, State-wise?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a) & (b) For Haj - 2000, Government increased the quota for Central Haj Committee (CHC) from 66,000 to 72,000. The details of the quota distributed by CHC to various State Haj Committees are at Annexure `A`.

(c) & (d) According to Central Haj Committee, 74,490 applications for Haj - 2000 were received. In case the number of applications received is more than the number of seats allocated, then the State Haj Committees conduct `qurrah` (lottery) to select the pilgrims.

(e) Annexures `B` & `C` give number of Hajis selected to perform Haj during 1998 and 1999.